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SUBJ: JUNE 25-26 EC COUNCIL: EC DEVELOPMENT POLICY

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1. SUMMARY. THE MEMBER STATES HAVE AGREED TO HOLD
A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING IN LATE SEPTEMBER OR
OCTOBER TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY
BASED ON THE AD HOC REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT RECENTLY
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PREPARED BY A COUNCIL COMMITTEE. END SUMMARY.

2. AT THE EC COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 25-26 (REFTEL B), THE FOREIGN MINISTERS DISCUSSED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY BASED ON A REPORT RECENTLY PREPARED BY AN AD HOC COMMITTEE (REFTEL A). BECAUSE OF THE COUNCIL'S LENGTHY AGENDA, ONLY A SHORT, GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT WAS POSSIBLE. THE COUNCIL DECIDED, HOWEVER, TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING IN LATE SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO THIS SUBJECT.

3. A SOURCE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE JUNE 25-26 MEETING HAS TOLD THE MISSION THAT THE MINISTERS CONCENTRATED ON THE QUESTION OF COMMUNITY FINANCIAL AID TO LDCS NOT REPEAT NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMMUNITY. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL B, THE FRENCH TOOK A MORE RESTRICTIVE POSITION THAN SOME OTHER COUNTRIES IN THAT THEY FAVORED LIMITING EC FINANCIAL AID TO ASSOCIATED LDCS. THE FRENCH USED AS AN ARGUMENT THE LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES. OUR SOURCE BELIEVES THAT, TO THE EXTENT THIS IS THE REAL FRENCH CONCERN, THE PROBLEM IS NOT UNSURMOUNTABLE SINCE AFTER 1975 THE COMMUNITY'S OWN BUDGET MIGHT BE USED TO FINANCE A SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT AID PROGRAM INDEPENDENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FROM MEMBER STATE BUDGETS. (AFTER 1975, THE COMMUNITY BUDGET WILL CONSIST OF TARIFFS, LEVIES AND A PERCENTAGE OF VALUE ADDED TAX RECEIPTS, AND WILL NO LONGER BE DEPENDENT ON CONTRIBUTIONS BY ITS MEMBER STATES.)

4. THE PERM REPS -- PROBABLY ASSISTED BY MEMBERS OF THE HIGH- LEVEL AD HOC DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE -- ARE EXPECTED TO DO SOME FURTHER WORK IN PREPARATION FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING MENTIONED ABOVE. BUT THE BASIC PROBLEMS ARE CLEARLY THOSE REQUIRING HIGH- LEVEL DECISION -- NOT JUST TECHNICAL STUDIES. GREENWALD

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